

MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2009

The Madison recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday April 7, 2009 at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Recreation Advisory Board President Michael Ray.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by Recreation Department Personnel Gayle Milam and recorded as follows:

MBA President Anthony Dupree	Absent
Westco President David Mobley	Present
Madison Dolphins President Cindy Davis	Absent
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Absent
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Shieffield	Present
MAA President Chris Lewis	Absent
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Present
Board Member Charles Duffy	Present
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board President Mike Ray	Present
Board Member Philip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Present

Also in attendance was Lisa Pesaton, Recreation Department staff member.

AGENDA ITEMS

The Recreation Department's Policies and Procedures are still being staffed and edited and will be presented at the May meeting.

Phillip Herron addressed a possible parking problem at Palmer and it was recommended that some of the fencing be removed as one enters Palmer to allow more parking and a safer traffic pattern. Mike Cassell took action on the recommendation and will present actions at May meeting.

Cliff Lanham discussed the need for a sub committee to evaluate and formulate plans to erect bathrooms and concession facilities at Dublin. Four (4) ideas of buildings were passed around for information and possible consideration to all the board members. Motion for formation of the sub committee was present by Phillip Herron and seconded by all members. The sub committee would consist of members from AYSO and to be

chaired by an appointee from Michael Ray. Lisa Shieffield retained the construction ideas and brochures from a firm in Florida that specialized in modular construction of bathrooms and concessions.

David Mobley, WESCO, is looking forward to practice and play periods as soon as the weather breaks and the field dry. More tournaments are planned for 2009 and there will need to have close coordination in October for field usage.

Lisa, AYSO, stated that the fences were not put up during March around the new soccer fields at Dublin due to rain and some measurement problems. The fencing project will be the number one priority for April. Public Works will also need to be coordinated with to insure proper placement and construction of pathways at and around the new soccer fields at Dublin. Mike Cassell and Lisa will be working together to get the pathways in as soon as possible.

Allison Wheeler is looking forward to the City issuing bids for the Bradford Creek Greenway Phase I project (from Palmer Park to Heritage Elementary School). Ground breaking is programmed for 2009. On 23 April, Pikewerks is sponsoring a Bluegrass Festival with Barbeque at the Gazebo in downtown Madison; a percentage of the funds raised will be for the Mill Creek Greenway project.

Michael Ray and Mike Cassell had a short discussion on the possibility of converting grass fields to artificial turf for soccer and Lacrosse use. Cassell recommended that Ray and Cassell do a presentation before the Mayor and maybe the Council for further education for the Mayor and the Council. The city at this time certainly does not have funds to support this type of project.

Cassell asked all the members to keep their eyes and ears open to possible land for sale or donations for recreational expansion for soccer fields and ball fields.

Bobby Jackson and Mike Cassell are still working on revising and reducing the Understanding and Agreement Policies for Facilities use of both parties. The present Policies is too verbose and the policy will be rewritten in shorter form. Hopefully this agreement will be ready by the May meeting.

The Recreational Department activities program is packed as always. The Annual Easter Egg hunt will be 9 April. Middle school tournaments are presently ongoing and fields are at capacity use. Scheduling continues to be a challenge coupled with the normal maintenance of the fields.

Judy Meiers, Senior Center said there will be a senior prom sponsored by United Way Youth Leaders of Madison County High Schools. The Senior Prom will be 18 April. The center will also have an OPEN HOUSE on 21 April. The center van has been ordered and should be in by later July 2009.

A Mr. Clark Cook may be taking some of Anthony Dupree's responsibilities and assuming the leadership of MBA.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:40PM. The next meeting will be 5 May 2009.

Clifford W. Lanham
Secretary